



# *The Cumberland Valley Quarterly*

## *Information of Interest in Cumberland Valley*

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### **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Jackson Co. kicked off Child Abuse Prevention Month on March 31, participating in the **BE A CHILDREN'S CHAMPION** campaign, a campaign that was founded by Kentucky River Foothills Head Start. Protection and Permanency staff distributed information as well as Blue Ribbons to the crowd.

For more information about the **BE A CHILDREN'S CHAMPION** program, you can contact Linda Potter at 287-1517 or Charlotte Witt at 965-3312.

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Jackson County Judge Executive, Tommy Slone, signed a proclamation, Tuesday, April 1, declaring April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. The ceremony was held in the Jackson County Courthouse with the following DCBS staff on hand—Elaine Madden, Violet Cain, Dana McQueen, Kim Collett, and Sharon Hicks.

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*Staff from the Rockcastle County Family Support Office decorated their office windows in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month (see above). Story is on page four.*



# A DAY OF FUN IN THE PARK

## APRIL 17, 2003

by Barbara Hill

Corbin's "fun day at the park" Blue Ribbon Program was not hampered by the rain. Demonstrating true social work flexibility, participants modified their plans by taking the fun to the children at Central Elementary School.

Fun Day was a collaborative effort planned with Sharon Boggs, Family Support, Protection and Permanency, Corbin School system, law enforcement, R & C, and Independent Living Staff to raise public awareness to prevent child abuse.

Elsbeth Cobb's daughter, Morgan, got the Corbin high school Art Club to do face painting for the children. The city police provided Safety Pup for entertainment. Randy Worley, EKU, assisted by contacting WYNT for news coverage. Family Support worker, Ken Trosper and local P & P staff obtained prizes and refreshments for the children from Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Coke, Mr. Gatti's, Party for Less, and Dollar Mart. Posters created by the children will be on display at these business places to further promote child abuse awareness. 17th Street Christian Church provided cotton candy, Baptist Family Fitness gave certificates, Vankirks assembled a tent for protection, Corbin News Journal and WCTT provided news coverage of the event.

Together each P & P staff member in conjunction with our community partners served to make this an educational and fun day for the children.

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## Kaye Middleton's Son Serves in General Assembly

from Barbara Hill

Knox County P & P supervisor, Kaye Middleton's son, Jonathan, served in the February General Legislative Assembly. Jonathan was chosen by Lynn Camp High School to serve State Senator Robert Stivers as a page. After touring the General Assembly Hall, Jonathan delivered messages, ran errands, and photocopied materials to assist the Senator and learn about the legislative process. Who knows, Jonathan may be a future Senator for Kentucky.

## Congratulations, Tina and Jeffery!

Name Change in Laurel County!! Tina Reams is now Tina Harville. Tina has married her fiancé of 2 years, Jeffery Harville. And if that is not enough to have Tina smiling, the happy couple is expecting a baby boy on July 27<sup>th</sup>!



*Above...A Dogwood Tree on the grounds of the Laurel County Courthouse Adorned with 184 Blue Ribbons*

Representatives from Parents Anonymous tied on the 184 Blue Ribbons, one ribbon for each substantiated incidence of maltreatment in Laurel County for 2002, during a brief ceremony held on March 31.





**When we imagine a world without child abuse  
We can achieve it**



## MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM DEANNE HENSLEY

Deanne Hensley, Protection and Permanency SRAA, would like to say thanks to staff and FSOS's for all their hard work on getting CPS and APS past dues completed. In the statewide ranking of the 16 regions, Cumberland Valley has moved up from being #11 just a few short weeks ago to **NUMBER TWO THIS MONTH!!!** Look out #1. We are knocking on your door!



## REGIONAL CALENDAR

*from Connie York*

Do you know that Cumberland Valley now has a regional calendar? If you want to add a meeting or special event, please provide the following information to me.

- Name of Event
- Date
- Time
- How long the event will last
- Brief description if needed

To access the calendar, type in the following Web site address:

<http://www.localendar.com/public/conniejoyork>

For convenience, I would recommend making a shortcut to the calendar from your desktop. To do this, once you open up the calendar on the Internet, do a right click anywhere in the body, and select "Create Shortcut."



## Harlan P & P Office Moves

Jessaca Greene's team moved out of the Workforce Development Building in March. They are now sharing office space with the Harlan Child Support staff.

Harlan P & P's new address is:

Protection and Permanency  
2<sup>nd</sup> and Central Streets  
PO Box 815  
Harlan, KY 40831

The phone number remains the same: (606) 573-4620.



## LAUREL COUNTY FAMILY SUPPORT RECOGNIZES CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The staff of the Laurel County Family Support Office recently decorated their building and the drive that runs in front for Child Abuse Prevention Month. They decorated their bulletin boards and office doors, tied blue ribbons at all the entrances and to all the Blooming Bradford Pear Trees that line their drive. Following are a couple of pictures, but the scene really needs to be viewed in person to be appreciated.







## HEROES NEWS

### Honoring Excellence and Rewarding Outstanding Employee Service

*from Marlene King*

The Heroes Committee Meeting was held on March 17 at the Knox County Family Support Office. Nominations were read by the members:

#### **Bell County:**

Geraldine Taylor, nominated by Bill Rutherford  
John Robbins, nominated by Sandra Partin

#### **Whitley County:**

**Dallas Sawyers**, nominated by Dan Connell, Johnny Moses, Missy Sharpe, and Angela Rains

**Belinda Collins**, nominated by Angie Jackson, Donna Stanfill, and Steven Halstead

**Pamela Dotson**, nominated by Janice Owsley

#### **Rockcastle County:**

**Roger Caldwell**, nominated by Jennifer Owens

Bell County winner was **Geraldine Taylor**, and the Whitley Co. winner was **Belinda Collins**.

#### **The Regional Winner was Dallas Sawyers!**

Marlene King prepared certificates and ribbons for all the winners. Those who made nominations received "Thank You" notes.

The Heroes Committee needs representatives from Laurel, Jackson and Clay. If interested, please forward your name to Kim Short or Marlene King.

The next meeting is set for Monday, June 16, 10:30, Knox County Family Support Office.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tammy Brown is the proud mother of a new baby boy, born April 7<sup>th</sup>. Joshua Hunter Brown weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Best wishes to Mom, Dad and big brother!

Betty Caldwell has two new grandbabies—McKenzie Nicole Caldwell, a real beauty according to her grandmother, was born on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and Conner Lee Thomas Bruner was born prematurely on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Conner weighed 2 lbs., 11 oz. at birth, and as of April 10<sup>th</sup>, he remained at UK but was making great progress.

## ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

*from Fay Neeley*

We have started our campaign to make Rockcastle aware that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We have a little girl named "Hope" painted on our window in the waiting area and she is proclaiming April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. On the other window, we have children painted around a world globe who are saying "Imagine a World Without Child Abuse"

We have ordered our blue ribbons for the windows and will be putting these up there to remind all of the "Rock" we are tired and refuse to accept any more bruises on "OUR" children.

We have also worked in conjunction with CCC, ChildCare and CAP Family Abuse Center, and will be passing out bookmarks at each elementary school to each child, which proclaim April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Each bookmark will have a blue ribbons tied on it as well as a lifesaver.

Also, we will be coordinating a contest at each elementary school and will provide business size cards to each student proclaiming April is child abuse prevention month. Each child will be asked to pass out these cards to adults and will obtain signatures of all adults who receive a card. The class who gives out the most cards will win a pizza party and the child who obtains the most signatures will also receive an individual prize. (NOTE: The Rockcastle Co. Office window picture can be seen on the first page of this newsletter.)

## SECRETARIES' CQI MEETING

*from Alison Schaefer*

The Cumberland Valley Secretaries met Tuesday March 25, 2003 in the basement of the Harlan Baptist Church. The secretaries from Harlan County were wonderful hostesses for the meeting and provided a delicious morning snack of fruit, sausage rolls, cream puffs and drinks.

The meeting began with the Harlan ladies giving a brief history of Harlan County which proved to be extremely interesting. This was followed by the CQI meeting.

The speaker for the day was Carlton W. Hughes, Professor of Communication at Southeast Community College in Cumberland Kentucky. His subject of "Perception and How we See Things" was very interesting and very appropriate since it was very similar to the lessons in EAL, about preserving the integrity of others.

A memorial to Brenda Mills, secretary from Knox County Family Support who died suddenly last month, was conducted during the meeting. A collection was taken up for a donation in her memory to the American Diabetes Association, and the secretaries of Cumberland Valley gave generously in the amount of \$137.00.

Jackson and Rockcastle County secretaries will host the next CQI meeting.

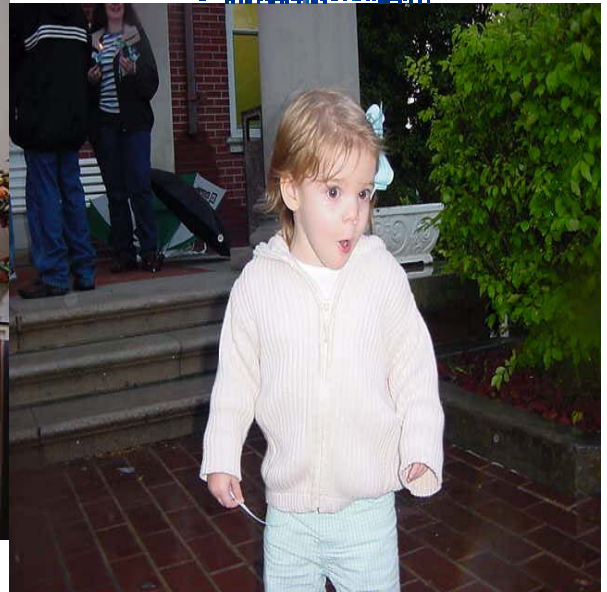


Laurel County in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. We announced early on that the event would be “Rain or Shine” and we advised people to bring their umbrellas in case it looked like rain. When we made that announcement we were certain that we would have clear weather. *It could not rain on that Thursday evening!* Unfortunately, it poured! And it was cold, too. Despite the steady downpour of rain, approximately 40 people showed up outside the London Community Center with candles. The rain snuffed out the candles over and over again during the walk to the Laurel County Courthouse. But that did not deter the efforts. We just lit back up and marched forward!

All things considered, we looked at this event as a success, and we plan to make this an annual event for Laurel County.



*(Left to Right) Julie Edwards, Gail Madden, Beverly Jones, Alison Schaefer, Diane Bush and Sherri Wheeler*



*(Above) An Enthusiastic Participant in the Laurel Co. Candlelight Vigil April 17, 2003*



## **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL IN LAUREL COUNTY APRIL 17, 2003**

Representatives from the Department of Community Based Services, Family Resources Youth Services Centers, Cumberland Valley Area Development District, Tri County Mentoring, Parents Anonymous, and the Children's Advocacy Office worked together to organize a candlelight vigil in

Thanks to all who contributed to the contents of this issue of the Cumberland Valley Quarterly Newsletter.

Please go ahead and notify me of items as they occur for the next newsletter (April/May/June, 2003).

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